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SUBJ: CHAD REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

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1. FRENCH HAVE LEFT BEHIND IN CHAD SIZABLE QUANTITIES MILITARY EQUIPMENT, EXTENT OF WHICH NEITHER EMBASSY, CHADIANS, NOR REMAINING FRENCH THEMSELVES ARE FULLY CONVERSANT AT MOMENT. FRENCH RULE OF THUMB APPARENTLY WAS SEND BACK ALL HIGH VALUE SMALL VOLUME EQUIPMENT LEAVING REMAINDER FOR DISPOSITION OF FRANCE/CHADIAN MIXED COMMISSION. WHILE COMMISSION AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE BY BOTH SIDES, FRANCE/CHADIAN RELATIONS PRESENTLY AT SUCH LOW EBB THAT NEITHER SIDE HAS EXPRESSED TO OTHER ANY IMMEDIATE INTEREST IN CONVOCATION OF COMMISSION.

2. THUS WHILE EMB AWARE NUMBER ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (FERRET ILASS) STRIPPED OF MACHINE GUNS AND RADIOS, NUMBER WORLD WAR II VINTAGE DODGE TRUCKS, AND EXTENSIVE UNIDENTIXWUD CRATES VISIBLY LEFT BEHIND, DO NOT EXPECT BE ABLE GIVE REASONABLY ACCURATE ASSESSMENT QUANTITIES AND QUALITIES UNTIL MIXED COMMISSION BEGINSNYORK. FRENCH HAVE TOLD DATT INFORMALLY, INCIDENTALLY, THAT VALUE OF EQUIPMENT LEFT BEHIND WOULD BE CREDITED TOWARDS FRENCH ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE CHAD FY 1976.

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3. COMMENT: BEYOND SUPPLIES, RELATIVELY UNSOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT SUCH AS BEING SHIPPED CURRENTLY BY OTHER SOURCES (REPORTED SEPARATE CHANNELS), ONE OF MAJOR PROBLEMS OF GOC IS LACK OF NECESSARY TRAINING TO UTILIZE EVEN SIMPLE MATERIEL OF TYPE MOST NEEDED IMMEDIATELY.DWYER

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